

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of supporting a trade of securities, comprising the steps of:

5 (a) storing a record of a public offering of a new set of securities, the record containing a suggested offering price of the securities and a subscription period of the public offering;

(b) processing buying and selling orders for
10 the securities;

(c) acquiring a trade price at which the buying and selling orders are executed at said processing step (b);

(d) determining whether the trade price
15 acquired at said acquiring step (c) meets the suggested offering price;

(e) checking whether the present date and time is within the subscription period; and

(f) placing a buying or selling order at a
20 price that is within an allowable range around the suggested offering price, when said determining step (d) has revealed an excessive difference between the trade price and the suggested offering price, and only when said checking step (e) has determined that the present date and
25 time is within the subscription period.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein

said acquiring step (c) acquires an opening price of the securities that has been reached in an opening session.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein
5 said placing step (f) obtains a cumulative sum of pending offers whose prices are equal to or lower than the suggested offering price, and places a buying order at the suggested offering price in an attempt to purchase as many securities as the obtained cumulative sum of the pending
10 offers, if the opening price is lower than the suggested offering price.

4. The method according to claim 2, wherein
15 said placing step (f) obtains a cumulative sum of pending bids whose prices are equal to or higher than the suggested offering price, and places a selling order at the suggested offering price in an attempt to sell as many securities as the obtained cumulative sum of the pending bids, if the opening price is higher than the suggested
20 offering price.

5. The method according to claim 2, wherein
said placing step (f) further places a buying or selling order for a predetermined quantity at the suggested
25 offering price at predetermined intervals, after the buying or selling order has been placed in response to the acquisition of the opening price.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein:
the suggest offering price is given as an
allowable range of prices; and

5 said placing step (f) places the buying or selling
order at a predetermined price in accordance with an
average price of the securities.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein
10 said placing step (f) places the buying or selling order,
while controlling the total number of offered securities,
so as not to exceed the number of new securities for sale
in the public offering.

15 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein
said placing step (f) places the buying or selling order,
while controlling the total number of offered securities,
so as not to exceed the number of existing securities and
new securities for sale in the public offering.

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9. A system for supporting a trade of
securities, comprising:

(a) storage means for storing a record of a
public offering of a new set of securities, the record
25 containing a suggested offering price of the securities
and a subscription period of the public offering;

(b) trade processing means for processing

buying and selling orders for the securities;

(c) trade price acquisition means for acquiring a trade price at which the buying and selling orders are executed by said trade processing means;

5 (d) price evaluation means for determining whether the acquired trade price meets the suggested offering price;

(e) subscription period checking means for checking whether the present date and time is within the
10 subscription period; and

(f) trading order placement means for placing a buying or selling order at a price that is within an allowable range around the suggested offering price, when said price evaluation means has found an excessive
15 difference between the trade price and the suggested offering price, and only when said subscription period checking means has determined that the present date and time is within the subscription period.

20 10. A computer-readable medium storing a program for supporting a trade of securities, the program causing a computer system to function as:

(a) storage means for storing a record of a public offering of a new set of securities, the record
25 containing a suggested offering price of the securities and a subscription period of the public offering;

(b) trade processing means for processing

buying and selling orders for the securities;

(c) trade price acquisition means for acquiring a trade price at which the buying and selling orders are executed by said trade processing means;

5 (d) price evaluation means for determining whether the acquired trade price meets the suggested offering price;

(e) subscription period checking means for checking whether the present date and time is within the
10 subscription period; and

(f) trading order placement means for placing a buying or selling order at a price that is within an allowable range around the suggested offering price, when said price evaluation means has found an excessive
15 difference between the trade price and the suggested offering price, and only when said subscription period checking means has determined that the present date and time is within the subscription period.